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Applicant: Estefen Segen Farid et al.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In connection with entry into the National Phase in the United States of the above referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

In The Claims:

Amend claims 2, 3, 4 and 6 and add new claims 7 and 8 as follows: